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#### TO URGE EXTENSION OF MEXICAN MISSIONS

Dr. Homer McMillan, Entertained at Dinner by Men of Westminster Church, Promises Aid.

Mexican mission work of the southern Presbyterian church in El Paso will be extended as soon as Dr. Homer McMillan, general secretary of the home missions of the southern Presbyterian church, can arrange for a church building. This is what he told the officers of the Westminster Presbyterian church Saturday evening at a dinner given in his honor at the Sheldon hotel. Dr. McMillan is here to inspect the work of the Westminster church and also the Mexican mission work in charge of Rev. C. R. Womeldorf. He pledged himself to return and work for the necessary equipment to allow Rev. Mr. Womeldorf to do his work in a proper place.

"This has been a profitable visit for me," Dr. McMillan said. "My visit here has convinced me of the wisdom of our choice in deciding to establish a church here. I have never seen a building where money has been more wisely expended or where a church has got more for its money than here. That work has been divinely guided in the selection of this place. What has been in the past is a prophecy for the future. The plans for our extension work are being formed and it does not include one church in a community, the cause of Presbyterianism since the beginning of church history. There is destined to be a great city here, and when the water is turned on only a prophet can tell what will develop here. I am hoping that the time will come when the as-

sembly will open up its heart and give Rev. Mr. Womeldorf an equipment which will be worthy of the work he is doing. The church will see the importance of this work and will give it the support it deserves. We had plans laid for this work, but they are being held in abeyance. I am going back to Atlanta with the determination to furnish Mr. Womeldorf with a place to preach in which is respectable.

"I have been secretary of the board for seven years and have visited 200 cities and towns a year. This is the first time I have been received in this manner and it is worth coming to El Paso to receive such attentions." In introducing the secretary of home missions Rev. John E. Abbott, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church, made a heart to heart talk to the men of his church in which he said that he was completing the second year of his work here and that he had never seen a place where the spiritual atmosphere was more tense with earnestness than in El Paso.

Those present at the informal dinner were: Dr. McMillan, Rev. Jno. E. Abbott, Rev. C. R. Womeldorf, Percy McGhee, H. M. Smith, Bradford Hardie, George Adamson, Capt. J. H. Rogers, J. W. B. Robinson, W. H. Lott, J. S. Lowman, T. H. Logan, Dr. J. L. McKnight, Dr. L. F. King, B. M. Smith.

**FIRE DAMAGES RACING PLANT.** Baltimore, Md., Oct. 18.—Fire started just before midnight in the grandstand at the Havre de Grace track, and within 10 minutes the large structure was a mass of flames. Only the grandstand and the club house were destroyed. The paddock and stables were saved, due to the sudden shifting of the wind. The loss is estimated at about \$150,000.

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#### HUNGARIAN COUNTESS REDUCED TO PENURY

Vienna, Austria, Oct. 18.—Much sympathy is felt for the young Hungarian countess, Elna Varvay, whose elopement from a convent some time ago with her husband, a merchant, caused a sensation. The countess states that she was put in a convent when she was seven years of age. Seven years ago her parents forced her into a marriage that turned out to be unhappy. She became separated from her husband and shortly afterward lost her little son. Entering a sanatorium, she made the acquaintance of her father and fell in love with him, but the relatives opposed a marriage with the merchant and had her placed in a convent. Later her father had her taken to Hungary and placed her in an asylum if she did not fulfill his wishes. On her refusal to marry the count, she was put in the convent from which her father rescued her. Her father took her to London, where the marriage took place. The couple then returned to Vienna and tried to obtain the forgiveness of the countess's parents, but without success. Her father took action against the husband for abducting her, but nothing came of it. Meanwhile doctors declared that she was of weak intellect and her relatives, acting on this report, sought to have her marriage annulled. The countess and her husband then traveled to Zurich, where she placed herself under observation of two mental specialists, who found that her intellect was normal.

Her husband is now connected with several Vienna firms, and she herself has obtained a position in an office and earns a salary of \$30 a month.

#### RAY GUN CLUB IS READY FOR SHOOT

Ray, Ariz., Oct. 18.—Preparations for the gun shoot to be held here on Oct. 29 and 30, are materializing rapidly. The necessary funds, covering prizes of \$500, have been raised by popular subscription among the local residents. The shoot is being advertised thoroughly throughout the west by heat folders issued by the club. On Oct. 29 practice shooting will be held, for contestants to familiarize themselves with the grounds. New traps and equipment have been installed. A new road is being built between the downtown district and the grounds.

Ed Mitchell, the professional expert of Los Angeles, has signified his intention of being present to demonstrate some fancy shooting. The officers of the Ray gun club are L. S. Cates, president; W. E. Mullen, vice president; and Geo. Stalger, secretary and treasurer.

Word has been received that several professionals and amateurs from Los Angeles and other coast cities, together with representatives from the clubs of Phoenix and Tucson and possibly Hayden, will be here. There will be 10 events each day, 20 targets constituting each event, with \$25 as a prize, to be added by the club to usual entrance fees of \$2 for each event per man. Targets will be charged for at the rate of three cents each to be deducted from the money which will be divided into four equal parts for the first four winners.

**PRINCE HENRY INITIATED INTO "FAGGING" MYSTERIES**  
London, Eng., Oct. 18.—Prince Henry, third son of King George and queen Mary, is fitting into the life at Eton as though he liked it. This great school is a perfect democracy and no boy, not even a prince of the blood, may escape the rigid customs laid down for the governance of the smaller boys. Already he has been given a nickname, "Bluebottle," and has been initiated into the mysteries of fagging. Here are some of the things his royal highness must do for his fagmaster: Run errands for upper boys, tidy house, sweep fagmaster's room, light the fire and keep it alight, brew tea, make toast, cook, scum, sausages, etc., and run to the "cook" shop to buy food.

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## EUGENISTS ARE JOINED BY BURBANK

Plant Conjuror Says Laws of Selection Are Operative in Human Life.

### BELIEVES SCIENCE WILL IMPROVE RACE

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Oct. 18.—Luther Burbank, the plant conjuror of Santa Rosa, Calif., has joined the ranks of the eugenists. In an interview here today, Burbank announced his final conviction that the laws of artificial selection, which he has found applicable to plant life, are also operative in human relationships, and that 10 generations under ideal scientific conditions will do more for the race than could be accomplished in a 100,000 years of natural selection. He affirmed his belief that acquired characteristics positively are transmissible and that such succeeding eugenic generation would implant in humanity new and better traits, with little tendency to reversion.

**Ten Generations Sufficient.** "Ten generations should be sufficient to fix in humanity any desired attribute, ideal and survival value," said Burbank. "In plant cultivation, about six to ten generations are required to establish the desired structural and functional changes in the descendants; enough time must be allowed to make sure that there will be no reversion to former undesirable attributes."

"It will be interesting to observe what might be done if it were possible to select a dozen normal families and let them live and mate under ideal eugenic conditions. There is absolutely no doubt but that ten generations would be sufficient to firmly implant the better qualities and to weed out the inferior ones. This is not a matter of conjecture. These laws have been absolutely established. The plant species which have been involved are in themselves sufficient evidence of this fact."

**Weeding Out the Unfit.** "Eugenics teaches probably the most pressing of human problems. Left to himself, nature ruthlessly weeds out the unfit and there is a faltering, but unceasing progress through natural selection. In our modern complex society, philanthropy, sanitary methods of living, charities and efficient means of combating pestilence are enabling the unfit to survive and propagate. As the result of this sub-normality, degeneracy is increasing at an alarming rate. Of course I do not deny those humanitarian achievements. We should protect those already born but we must also protect those unborn. Eugenics is the scientific answer to the pressing problem of keeping the race from deterioration and injecting new strains of idealism, sanity and aspirations into human kind."

**Care and Nourishment.** "Of course in plant privation, care and nourishment are necessary for the improved species to prevent their reversion to their old wild characteristics. The same law holds in the science. The better blood here must have a finer soil in the flower than that allotted the lower levels of humanity from which the sub-normal and inefficient are drawn. If children are to be ideally born, they must also have some opportunity to live ideally. "Moulding men toward a better species—that is the greatest promise of 40 years of experimental holds out. For the ways of plants are the ways of men."

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Violet velvet, gold lace and skunk fur, with its own natural black and white markings, are combined for richness, elegance and usefulness.

A wide yoke of the lace appears below the fur collar.

A careful perusal of Olivette's description of this attractive coat will make it easy to copy.

The style is one of the latest, and the picture especially sent here from Paris for this page.

It is finished by a ruche "bonne femme" of little folded box pleatings. From this top emplacement to the heels the velvet falls in long, classic lines. It folds back a bit in front and ends in a long round train at the back. The enormous sleeves are draped to the "line of the yoke and fall in long "angel" points, terminating in a great tassel.

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